

# **“Best Tasting Drinking Water Contest 2012”**

## **Drinking Water Taste Test Sponsored by Texas AWWA**

### **Sample and Judging Requirements**

#### ***(For Fun and Braggin’ Rights!)***

1. Each participating utility must be a member or have members of AWWA. Utility is requested to provide one (1) 2000 ml sample jug of their water. The container must be either glass or PETE (polyethylene terephthalate) plastic bottles.
2. Sample is to be submitted the day of the contest, **Thursday April 12, 2012**, no later than 10 a.m. if delivered in person or noon **on Wednesday, April 11, 2012** if sent by FedEx Priority delivery. Ship to San Antonio Water System, ATTN: Olga Galindo, 2800 U.S. Hwy. 281 North, San Antonio, TX 78212.
3. Sample is to be submitted to the TEXAS “Best Tasting Drinking Water” table near the Registration area at the San Antonio Convention Center. (Check with Registration Desk)
4. Each sample will be logged in at time of receipt. Sample will be logged in alphabetically (i.e. A-Z), to maintain anonymity of the supplier.
5. Water sample cannot be chilled – water must be at ambient temperature or the sample will be disqualified. Samples must be collected from water system no more than 48 hours prior to the test and must be stored continuously at a temperature between 40° and 70° Fahrenheit.
6. The water utility must comply with all MCLs and must not have any water quality violations from a regulatory agency in 2010 or 2011 or be under regulatory consent decree or order for its water quality.
7. The winner will go on to compete in the AWWA ACE 2012 Taste Test in June, in Dallas, TX, and must comply with any applicable rules for that competition.
8. Samples will be judged in alphabetical order beginning with Sample A
9. A 50 ml sample will be prepared. Each judge will be given one 50 ml sample. The judge is requested to evaluate the sample on the following grading scale.
  - a. Taste 1-5 (1 being poor and 5 being best)
  - b. Odor 1-5 (1 being poor and 5 being best)
  - c. Color 1-5 (1 being poor and 5 being best)
  - d. Clarity 1-5 (1 being poor and 5 being best)
10. Item 9 will be repeated until each sample has been judged.
11. The sample with the highest cumulative score will be given the title of “Best Tasting Drinking Water in Texas 2012”.
12. The second and third rated samples will be recognized.

FILL OUT FORM BELOW AND E-MAIL TO [tastetest@tawwa.org](mailto:tastetest@tawwa.org) COPY TO [maguilar@saws.org](mailto:maguilar@saws.org) and [mconner@saws.org](mailto:mconner@saws.org)

FAX to 512-238-0496 **no later than 3 p.m. Thursday March 22, 2012.**

Questions: E-mail [mconner@saws.org](mailto:mconner@saws.org)

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ENTRY FORM (ONE additional page may be provided to explain Treatment or provide details below)

**Entry Deadline: 3 p.m. Thursday March 22, 2012**

E-MAIL or FAX completed and signed form to [tastetest@tawwa.org](mailto:tastetest@tawwa.org) or 512-238-0496. Send copies to [maguilar@saws.org](mailto:maguilar@saws.org) and [mconner@saws.org](mailto:mconner@saws.org)

Questions: E-mail [mconner@saws.org](mailto:mconner@saws.org)

Samples delivered in person by 10 a.m., April 12, 2012 or sent FedEx Priority Delivery to arrive by noon, April 11, 2012. Ship to:

Olga Galindo  
San Antonio Water System  
2800 U.S. Hwy. 281 North  
San Antonio, TX 78212.

Questions: E-mail [mconner@saws.org](mailto:mconner@saws.org)

Utility/Community Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of manager/superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ { \_\_\_\_\_ AWWA Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Person delivering sample: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ AWWA Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person registered for conference?

Phone: (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_ (Office) \_\_\_\_\_

Year utility was formed: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate population served: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate average daily water production: \_\_\_\_\_

**Source of raw water:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Treatment provided:**

**Any other interesting information regarding your utility:**

By submitting this entry form, the utility agrees to abide by all the rules of the competition and judges decisions.
Signed _____
Date _____